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Entitled: THRESHOLD WARNING SYSTEM FOR WHEELCHAIR LIFTS

by Inventor(s): Sean J. Whitmarsh

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**COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

(ORIGINAL, DESIGN, NATIONAL STAGE OF PCT, SUPPLEMENTAL, DIVISIONAL,  
CONTINUATION OR C-I-P)

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

**TYPE OF DECLARATION**

This declaration is of the following type:

(check one applicable item below)

- original.
- design.
- supplemental.

*NOTE: If the declaration is for an International Application being filed as a divisional, continuation or continuation-in-part application, do not check next item; check appropriate one of last three items.*

- national stage of PCT.

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- divisional.
- continuation.
- continuation-in-part (C-I-P).

**INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION**

*WARNING: If the inventors are each not the inventors' of all the claims, an explanation of the facts, including the ownership of all the claims at the time the last claimed invention was made, should be submitted.*

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below, next to my name. I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter that is claimed, and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**TITLE OF INVENTION**

THRESHOLD WARNING SYSTEM FOR WHEELCHAIR LIFTS

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## SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION

the specification of which:

(complete (a), (b) or (c))

(a)  is attached hereto.

**NOTE:** "The following combinations of information supplied in an oath or declaration filed on the application filing date with a specification are acceptable as minimums for identifying a specification and compliance with any one of the items below will be accepted as complying with the identification requirement of 37 CFR 1.63:

"(1) name of inventor(s), and reference to an attached specification which is both attached to the oath or declaration at the time of execution and submitted with the oath or declaration on filing;

"(2) name of inventor(s), and attorney docket number which was on the specification as filed; or

"(3) name of inventor(s), and title which was on the specification as filed."

Notice of July 13, 1995 (1177 O.G. 60).

(b)  was filed on \_\_\_\_\_, as  Serial No. 0 / \_\_\_\_\_  
or  \_\_\_\_\_  
and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

**NOTE:** Amendments filed after the original papers are deposited with the PTO that contain new matter are not accorded a filing date by being referred to in the declaration. Accordingly, the amendments involved are those filed with the application papers or, in the case of a supplemental declaration, are those amendments claiming matter not encompassed in the original statement of invention or claims. See 37 CFR 1.67.

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"(1) name of inventor(s), and application number (consisting of the series code and the serial number; e.g., 08/123,456);

"(2) name of inventor(s), serial number and filing date;

"(3) name of inventor(s) and attorney docket number which was on the specification as filed;

"(4) name of inventor(s), title which was on the specification as filed and filing date;

"(5) name of inventor(s), title which was on the specification as filed and reference to an attached specification which is both attached to the oath or declaration at the time of execution and submitted with the oath or declaration; or

"(6) name of inventor(s), title which was on the specification as filed and accompanied by a cover letter accurately identifying the application for which it was intended by either the application number (consisting of the series code and the serial number; e.g., 08/123,456), or serial number and filing date. Absent any statement(s) to the contrary, it will be presumed that the application filed in the PTO is the application which the inventor(s) executed by signing the oath or declaration."

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(c)  was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_ and as amended under PCT Article 19 on \_\_\_\_\_ (if any).

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR**

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information, which is material to patentability as defined in 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56,

(also check the following items, if desired)

- and which is material to the examination of this application, namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable Examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent, and
- in compliance with this duty, there is attached an information disclosure statement, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98.

### **PRIORITY CLAIM (35 U.S.C. § 119(a)–(d))**

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(a)–(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT International application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

(complete (d) or (e))

- (d)  no such applications have been filed.
- (e)  such applications have been filed as follows.

NOTE: Where item (c) is entered above and the International Application which designated the U.S. itself claimed priority check item (e), enter the details below and make the priority claim.

**PRIOR FOREIGN/PCT APPLICATION(S) FILED WITHIN 12 MONTHS  
(6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN) PRIOR TO THIS APPLICATION  
AND ANY PRIORITY CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d)**

| COUNTRY (OR<br>INDICATE IF<br>PCT) | APPLICATION NUMBER | DATE OF FILING<br>(day, month, year) | PRIORITY CLAIMED<br>UNDER 37 USC 119                          |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
|                                    |                    |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> YES      NO <input type="checkbox"/> |
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**CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S. PROVISIONAL APPLICATION(S)  
(34 U.S.C. § 119(e))**

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

| PROVISIONAL APPLICATION NUMBER | FILING DATE |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| _____ / _____                  | _____       |
| _____ / _____                  | _____       |
| _____ / _____                  | _____       |

**CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF EARLIER US/PCT APPLICATION(S)  
UNDER 35 U.S.C. 120**

The claim for the benefit of any such applications are set forth in the attached ADDED PAGES TO COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR DIVISIONAL, CONTINUATION OR CONTINUATION-IN-PART (C-I-P) APPLICATION.

**ALL FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY, FILED MORE THAN 12 MONTHS  
(6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN) PRIOR TO THIS U.S. APPLICATION**

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**NOTE:** If the application filed more than 12 months from the filing date of this application is a PCT filing forming the basis for this application entering the United States as (1) the national stage, or (2) a continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part, then also complete ADDED PAGES TO COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR DIVISIONAL, CONTINUATION OR C-I-P APPLICATION for benefit of the prior U.S. or PCT application(s) under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

(list name and registration number)

ROZSA & CHEN LLP

Thomas I. Rozsa, Esq., Registration No. 29,210

Tony D. Chen, Esq., Registration No. 36,998

John F. Sicotte, Esq., Registration No. 31,138

(check the following item, if applicable)

Attached, as part of this declaration and power of attorney, is the authorization of the above-named attorney(s) to accept and follow instructions from my representative(s).

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**DECLARATION**

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

(Declaration and Power of Attorney [1-1]—page 5 of 7)

## SIGNATURE(S)

NOTE: Carefully indicate the family (or last) name, as it should appear on the filing receipt and all other documents.

### Full name of sole or first inventor

Sean J. Whitmarsh  
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Inventor's signature *[Signature]*

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Inventor's signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_ Country of Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Post Office Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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(GIVEN NAME) (MIDDLE INITIAL OR NAME) FAMILY (OR LAST NAME)  
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*(check proper box(es) for any of the following added page(s)  
that form a part of this declaration)*

**Signature** for fourth and subsequent joint inventors. *Number of pages added* \_\_\_\_\_

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**Signature** by administrator(trix), executor(trix) or legal representative for deceased or incapacitated inventor. *Number of pages added* \_\_\_\_\_

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**Signature** for inventor who refuses to sign or cannot be reached by person authorized under 37 CFR 1.47. *Number of pages added* \_\_\_\_\_

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Added pages to combined declaration and power of attorney for divisional, continuation, or continuation-in-part (C-I-P) application.

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Sean J. Whitmarsh

Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached?  Yes  No

3. Nature of conveyance:

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Merger

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Other \_\_\_\_\_

Execution Date: May 13, 1998

2. Name and address of receiving party(es)

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4. Application number(s) or patent number(s):

If this document is being filed together with a new application, the execution date of the application is: May 13, 1998

A. Patent Application No.(s)

B. Patent No.(s)

Additional numbers attached?  Yes  No

5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:

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6. Total number of applications and patents involved:

1

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To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.

Tony D. Chen

Name of Person Signing

Signature

May 15, 1998

Date

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